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## **BORDER BARRIER PROJECT PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

**San Diego, California:** Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 102(2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, in cooperation with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed construction of a Border Barrier Project in along the US/Mexico border within San Diego County, California. The EIS will address the completion of the barrier project within the remaining five miles of the 14-mile project. The barrier system consists of several components including a secondary fence, patrol and maintenance roads, lights, and Integrated Surveillance and Intelligence System (ISIS) resources. Approximately nine miles of the 14-mile project have been completed or is currently under construction. These projects were addressed under separate Environmental Assessments as pilot projects for the barrier system. The Border Barrier Project is needed to provide a permanent enforcement zone that will ensure detection and apprehension of illegal immigrants and smugglers and, thus, provide long-term deterrence.

A public scoping meeting will be conducted in San Diego, California on January 25, 2001 with the purpose of identifying issues and concerns that should be addressed in the EIS. Members of the INS, US Border Patrol, and Corps of Engineers will be available to answer questions and provide additional information. The location of the public scoping meeting is provided below. A court reporter will also be available to provide official recordation of comments. Spanish language interpreters will be available for questions.

The meeting will take place between 4:00 p.m. (local time) and 8:30 p.m. at the Imperial Beach Community Room, 825 Imperial Beach Boulevard, Imperial Beach, California. Parking is limited at this facility, but additional parking is available across the street at the Imperial Beach Library.

For more information, call Stephen Brooks, INS AERC Border Barrier Project Manager, at (817) 978-3155, or write to: INS A-E Resources Center, USACE, Fort Worth District, ATTN: Stephen Brooks, P.O. Box 17300, 819 Taylor Street, Room 3A28, Fort Worth, Texas 76102 -0300. For information specifically regarding the scoping meeting, call Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Calvin Davis at (619) 662-7058.